

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 11th August 2025

Present:, Elaine Beckton (Chairman), David House (Fixtures Secretary), David Woodman (Hon Sec.), Carole Woodman (Ladies Secretary), Sue Kelly (Ladies Captain/Safeguarding Officer), Anthony O’Sullivan (Men’s Rep), Norman Sancto (Men’s Captain), Jeff Askew (Greenkeeper), Sue Walker (Ladies Rep)

1. Apologies for Absence –Christine Robinson (President), Tony Hill (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 7th July 2025, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

Progress on the new door ongoing.

The revue of the design of other Club’s boards was under way.

Jeff has had continued discussions with a Company from Perran Foundry on the potential roof project. They had expressed interest and should have prepared an initial estimate by the next meeting.

4. Correspondence.

Received

Call from Bowls Cornwall for nominations for the Bowls Cornwall Committees. These need to be with Christine Hore by 1st September.

Group 4 AGM Minutes from October 2024 received from Liz Bray.

An email from John French about the system used by Match Managers and others was tabled. It was agreed that the system needed to be improved, and the Secretary was asked to contact John to request that he convened a meeting with Match Managers to see how this could best be achieved.

Sent

Confirmation sent to Chepstow Bowls Club to agreement in principal for a Tour Match on Thursday 14th May 2026. This would be built into Fixture arrangements when they are prepared next year.

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) Jeff reported on an accident that had occurred on 31st July in the Clubhouse involving a contractor servicing the watering system. When the system was switched on there was a loud bang which was subsequently shown to be an electrical fault in the capacitor. The contractor was shaken but suffered no obvious injury. Eye wash was administered as a precaution. No further action was required. Subsequently, Jeff heard that the Contractor had visited A and E as a precaution, but no damage had been found. This is not a reportable accident, and as the cause was the failure of an electrical component, no preventative action is possible. The Secretary will prepare an accident report for the files.
- 2) The question of appropriate footwear on the green had been raised. Players should wear appropriate flat-soled shoes when playing on the Green. Many Bowls shoes include a light patterning on a flat base which is perfectly acceptable. However, it is important that Players have a dedicated pair of shoes into which they change before going onto the Green. Arriving in playing shoes and then crossing the car park in these shoes can transfer grit and other foreign material onto the playing surface which could damage the Green surface and/or the mowing machinery.
- 3) Rubber Delivery Mats. A number of our white mats are getting noticeably worn and should be replaced. It was agreed to buy 12 new mats for the start of next season.

- 4) We had previously agreed to fund a monthly advert in the local Parish magazine to advertise the Club and provide information for potential new Members (£17 per Month for a colour ad.) It had been suggested that we should also have similar posters that could be laminated and displayed on suitable notice boards in e.g. Flushing, Perranwell etc. This was agreed.

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the annual service of the fire extinguishers had been carried out. Sunday morning roll-ups had been a great success both as casual roll-ups for Members and for attracting several new Members. A session had been booked for Sunday 24th August, but may be only lightly used as there is a Friendly match at Grampound that afternoon. No further sessions will be held this year as the Green is booked for Club Finals and several Bowls Cornwall events. However, it is intended to continue holding Sunday Morning roll-ups next season whenever the Green is not booked for other events.

7. Treasurer's Report

Club funds are in a healthy condition with no significant change in the last month.

8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

The league matches are in their closing stages. Without regular updates on the tables we don't know how we are faring compared to other clubs but think we will be mid table in the Rippon League, and lower table for our Date and Evening League teams.

The ladies have had 3 successes in Group 4 competitions, and some close calls in the County Finals. Sue Walker won the Champion of Champions, Sue Kelly the Kernow Cup beating Sue Walker, and Carole Woodman the Ladies Secretaries Cup. Sue Walker was the Runner up in the County Kernow Cup Final. Sue Kelly and Carole Woodman losing in their quarter and semi-finals respectively to the eventual champions.

9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

David House won the final of the Group 4 Secretaries 4 wood singles. He reported that the Men's 'A' team had finished a very creditable 3rd in the League and that the 'B' had finished mid table, despite introducing a number of new Members to League competition.

David Gadd is taking over organising the winter Short Mat programme. David is a new Member of the Club this year and we are very grateful for his willingness to take on this responsibility.

David House has organised friendlies at Carnmoggas (4), Veryan (2) and is arranging two others for the winter indoor season.

He suggested that the Club might be interested in playing in the 2 wood Mixed Triples League next year, which was supported by the Committee. The Secretary was asked to circulate information about this league to gauge the level of interest from the Membership.

10. Greenkeeper's report

Work on strengthening the car park shed roof had been completed and it was due to be re-felted this week. Problems continue with getting to the electricity meter (housed in the roof space), and Tony Hill was looking into the possibility of getting it re-sited; possibly outside where it could be read easily. The Water pump is due to be taken away for repair in the coming week.

11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

12. Publicity Report

Elaine noted the article that had appeared in the last magazine recounting some of our Ladies successes. An excellent advert for the Club.

13. Application for membership

An application for Full Membership had been received from Clifford Goad and displayed on the Club noticeboard. The Committee agreed unanimously to accept the application

14. AOB

Sue Walker reported that most of the Club Competitions were progressing well.

David House raised the possibility of the credit card reader being used more widely. It was generally agreed that this was the way transactions were progressing, but problems related to accountability and accurate recording of transactions were potential difficulties. In the absence of the Treasurer, it was agreed to carry over this discussion to the next meeting.

The installation of hand driers in the toilets needed to be moved forward and the preferred model identified as soon as possible.

Elaine reported that the vacuum cleaner was no longer working properly and it was agreed that it should be replaced with a 'Henry' vacuum which has a reputation for sturdiness and was known to be compatible with the playing carpets

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.25am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th September 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman..... Date.....